

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on March 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Andrew Person (D)  
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

#### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 12, 3/11/2015

00:00:05 Chairman Lang

**HEARING ON SJ 12**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:17 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SJ 12, Study net metering laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:19 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)  
00:11:10 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities and Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MDU) (MECA)  
00:12:34 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)  
00:12:48 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)  
00:13:06 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:14:04 Ben Brouwer, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:16 Rep. Person  
00:21:05 Sen. Connell  
00:22:32 Rep. Person  
00:23:22 Sen. Connell  
00:24:31 Rep. Person  
00:25:12 Sen. Connell  
00:27:11 Rep. Pope  
00:28:07 Sen. Connell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:02 Sen. Connell  
  
00:34:39 Chairman Lang  
00:34:44 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:35:07 Chairman Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:35:14

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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